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Application of: Jean-Claude ENGELAERE

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Title: RESEALABLE PACKAGING THE
CONTAINER OF WHICH
INCLUDES A TEARABLE
WELDING LAYER, AND ITS
MANUFACTURE

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 2, 2000 by the submission herewith of photocopies of four (4) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicant hereby directs the Examiner's attention to the references (AM-AP) listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." Applicant submits partial English translations of Japanese references "AO" and "AP". Applicant also notes that U.S. 6,202,290 B1 ("AM") is a counterpart to WO97/19867.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission of the Applicant or Attorneys for the Applicant that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicant respectfully declines to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an

alternative, Applicant submits herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant" instead of "List of Prior Art."

None of these references are deemed to negatively impact upon the patentability of the present claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application by the Examiner's initialing and return of the form PTO 1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicant does not believe that there is any fee associated with submission of this Supplemental IDS, since it is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. If any fees are due, then charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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